The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

# QUEEN ANNE COBBLESTONE

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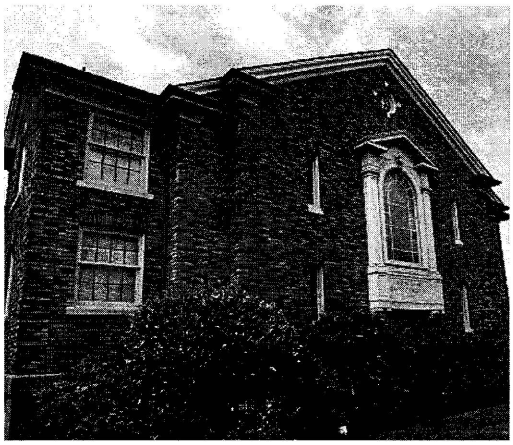
## *Here for Good: Religious Properties in Our Midst*

### *Set Your Calendar: Sept. 22, 7pm*

Dennis Andersen, author of 2 works on Seattle architecture, will present "Here for Good: Religious Properties in our Midst" at Queen Anne Baptist Church on September 22 at 7pm.



QUEEN ANNE BAPTIST CHURCH, SITE OF "HERE FOR GOOD", SEPTEMBER 22, AT 2011 1ST AVE N.

Mr. Andersen is Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Seattle, Washington and has lived in the Queen Anne neighborhood since 1988. Following graduate studies in Germanic languages and literature at the University of Washington, he worked for seven years in charge of photographs and architectural drawings in the Special Collections Division of the University of Washington Libraries.

His interests in historic preservation have been expressed through a six-year term on the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board and a term on the governing council of Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority. He currently chairs the Preservation Committee of the Rainier Club.

He is an adjunct faculty member and liturgical consultant at Seattle University 's School of Theology and Ministry.

Afterward, the Church's pastor, Kathy Johnson, will give a short talk on the historic windows in the sanctuary. The Church is at 2011 1st Ave. North in Seattle.

Further information may be obtained by calling (206) 438-2740 or (206) 284-2266, or email help@qahistory.org.

### *... and set it again 10/2: gourmet for restoration!*

The former Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist was built in 1927 by an amazing architect, Harlan Thomas. He also helped create the Sorrento Hotel, Pike Place Market, Harborview Hospital, several Seattle public libraries, and some of UW's most beautiful fraternity and sorority houses. The church was almost demolished 3 years ago, but is now a Seattle landmark.

To raise funds for its preservation, the Seattle Church of Christ is hosting a combination gourmet finger food and fine wine party on Saturday, October 2 at 6pm at the Church (2555 8th Avenue West). Phone 206-914-2659 for questions.

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Historic preservation of Houses of Good: lecture on September 22
- The base of the Hill … 150 years ago, 50 years ago
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- Blackberries on the Hill ... by Kim

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# *At the Base of the Hill: Seattle Center ... 150 years ago ...*

THE BASE OF THE QUEEN ANNE HILL HOLDS MANY OF THE KEYS TO THE HILL'S HISTORY.

**THE DENNY CABIN – USED AS DENNY'S REAL ESTATE OFFICE – UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 1889 (COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SPECIAL ARCHIVES.)**

The base of the Queen Anne Hill holds many of the keys to the Hill's history.

With water being both a steady food source and a major transportation mode in the thickly wooded Pacific Northwest, this perimeter was where the Hill's history — both for native Americans and European-Americans — began. Take the area around Seattle Center, for example.

Prior to the arrival of white settlers, the meadows where Seattle Center now stands were cleared to enable the native peoples to "snare low-flying ducks commuting between Lake Union to the east and Elliot Bay to the west." (historylink.org).

The area's first white settlers, the Denny's, called the broad meadows 'the prairie', and built themselves a cabin at its western edge in 1853 — encompassing the baba'kwoh swale and running from Lake Union to Elliott Bay, between what is now Denny Way and Mercer Street (http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/ContextQueenAnneStatement2005.pdf)

Seven years later (1860) -- 150 years ago -- with the city's population a staggering 133 souls, David Denny cleared the land at the edge of the meadows for his farm. David and Louisa Denn operated a family farm on 320-acres centered on what is now the Seattle Center. The crops grown there provided the fresh produce for much of early Seattle.

In 1889, David Denny opened a real estate office in a cabin at the foot of the Hill near what is now Queen Anne Avenue and Republican Street.

# *Support MOHAI!*

If you believe that MOHAI plays an important role in our cultural landscape and serves our community by preserving and sharing our history, please share your thoughts with Mayor McGinn and City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Chair of the Parks and Seattle Center Committee. Their email addresses are: mike.mcginn@seattle.gov and sally.bagshaw@seattle.gov respectively. If you would like to send a letter, the mayor's physical mail address is: The Honorable Mike McGinn, Seattle City Hall 7th floor, 600 Fourth Avenue, P.O. Box 94749, Seattle, WA 98124-4749. We also request that you show your support by attending the City Council meeting scheduled for September 20th at 2 PM, at 600 4th Avenue in the Council Chambers, where the council members will vote on sufficient funding for MOHAI's move to its new location.

# ... 100 Years Ago ... 50 Years Ago ...

David and Louisa were generous with their land holdings, as they donated much land for parks, schools and churches to benefit the growing city. For example they donated the land for Denny Park and the original Seattle Children's Home, which was located at the site of the current Seattle Center Fun Forest. (Paul Dorpat, Seattle Now and Then)

A little less than 100 years ago (1916), Louisa Denny died, at a point near their original cabin, and the city had grown to nearly 300,000 people.

50 years ago, planners attracted me of the great architects in our country to prepare for the 1962 World's Fair. Those architects gave us the beautiful arches of both the Space Needle and the Pacific Science Center.

Driving around the base today, there's Seattle Pacific University on the north, the great economic drivers of the Port and Amgen on the west, and Seattle Center and the new Gates Foundation campus on the south ... to name just a few.

**SEATTLE CENTER 48 YEARS AGO: 1962 WORLD'S FAIR (FROM THE OFFICIAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM, COURTESY BOBBEA.COM)**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE QUEEN ANNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO RECORD AND PRESERVE, IN PERMANENT FORM, THE HISTORY OF THE SETTLING OF THE QUEEN ANNE COMMUNITY IN SEATTLE, WA AND TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AN APPRECIATION AND CONCERN FOR ITS HISTORY AND ITS HISTORICAL SITES.

# At Your Service ...

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## *Kim's Musings ... Blackberries of Summer.*

While picking fresh blackberries over at my sister's place in west Port Orchard, I got to thinking of the neighborhood 'picking times' in August and September at the former Lake Union Golf Course.

Just inside the entrance at Galer Street and Sixth Avenue North, you could see on either side of the entrance walkway an abundance of blackberry vines, which also extended to the right all the way down the stairway to Aurora Avenue. It was not uncommon for 20-30 persons to be standing there, moving further into the interior of the vines, going after that "perfect berry."

There were many of those berries to be had during the summers of the 1950's. We would go up with buckets, large bowls, and the canning kettle, rarely returning home before every one was full to overflowing – not counting the number which found their way into our mouths – cold, sweet and juicy!

Some became pie filling, some became jam.

There was always enough to keep one bowl for morning cereal – but you had to use them within the first three days or they could start molding. When Clara Welch (then Clara Holman) moved into the downstairs, she taught us the way to make a concentration of the juice, to which you would add cold water for a very fine summer drink. Just about when the last berries were picked it would be time to start harvesting the pears from our three pear trees – many of which one could hear crashing down from the branches during the night. We managed to save the majority, and the wealth of pear butter, pears packed for the winter, and pears for breakfast, made us feel like the richest inhabitants of Queen Anne Hill. Fruit was abundant back then, and home owners knew when to harvest and how to preserve that harvest for the dark days of winter. Ah, memories!

Kim R. Turner

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